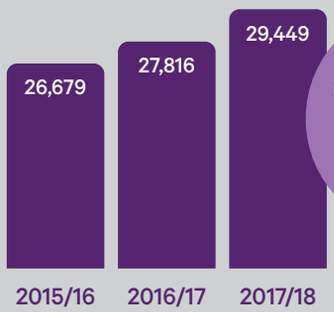
Multiple Sclerosis Emergency Admissions in 2015/16

90,500
people with MS living in England [1]

18,324
People with MS admitted as an emergency at least once in 2017/18 - nearly one person in five

Emergency admissions are rising[2]



10.4% Increase

Total emergency admissions
29,449

1.61x
average number of emergency admissions per person admitted at least once

£49 million
Total emergency admissions cost

£1,672
Average emergency admission cost

...with an average length of stay of 7.8 days

Focus on prevention

The most common reasons for emergency MS admissions are often preventable with proactive care: infections (urinary tract and respiratory), bowel problems (including constipation), and MS itself (including MS relapse).

Respiratory issues

£6.2m
on emergency admissions

Urinary tract infections

8.5%
of emergency MS admissions

£1,761
per admission

Bladder and bowel related emergency admissions

£5m
Total cost

£1,647
per admission

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Sources: 1 MS Society MS in the UK 2016 2 See https://wilmingtonhealthcare.com/what-we-do/nhs-service-improvement/multiple-sclerosis-disease-insight-report/

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